

3. Our adversaries, Jas. 4:7; Pet. 5:9; Heb. 12:4; Eph. 6:11, 12; Heb. 10:32.
4. Our weapons, Eph. 6:17; 2 Cor. 10:4.
5. Our armor, Eph. 6:13-18.
6. Our captain, Heb. 2:11; John 16:33.
7. Our training, 1 Cor. 9:26, 27.
8. Result of defeat, 2 Pet. 2:19, 22; Rev. 21:8.
9. The victory sure, 1 John 5:4, 5; Gal. 5:16.
10. Methods of fighting, Rom. 12:21.

FOR ANSWER IN THE MEETING

1. What did Christ say of this fight? Matt. 10:34.
2. How does it differ from carnal warfare?
3. Must we take sides? Matt. 10:30; Judges 5:23.
4. What comfort have the weak in the fight? Zech. 4:6; 2 Cor. 12:10.
5. What are some causes of defeat? Josh. 7:10-12; Heb. 3:19.
6. Are there any furloughs in this war? Why not?
7. What will be the end of the fight? 1 Cor. 15:26, 54-57.
8. What shall be the reward of the victors? 2 Tim. 4:7, 8; Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 26 and 3:5, 12, 21 and 21:7.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Are We Ready? Go!

Dr. Hartzell, Bishop of the M. E. church in Africa relates the following incident of his travels in Africa which is both entertaining and suggestive. Until quite recently all travelers to the interior of Africa and their luggage as well had to be carried upon the heads of natives. Each native will carry from twenty-five to one hundred pounds. Persons are carried in a hammock that rests upon the heads of two natives. These natives have set days for starting inland and must usually travel in large caravans. These natives always travel in single file. When all the luggage is placed and passengers have climbed into their hammocks, the natives in front cry out, "Are you ready to go?" The ones in the rear if all is ready, answer, "We are ready to go!" The ones in front again cry out, "Let us go!" The ones in the rear again reply, "Go!" and so they "Go."

Usually in their courses they come to high hills or even mountains sometimes. A halt is made at the foot, and the natives in front ask of those in the rear, "Are we able to go up?" The rear ones always reply, "We are able to go up!" "Let us, then go up," say the front ones. And the rear ones again say, "Go."

This custom and incident suggests some thoughts concerning our mission work. For about three years the problem of missions has been kept before the church. Nothing decisive has yet been done. True we opened a mission in Chicago, but from present prospects, we opened it, only to let it be closed. Our missions elsewhere, Goshen, Dayton and Washington have been the results, largely of individual efforts, and have been, Washington excepted, self-supporting, although with such help as our Mission Boards are supposed to give, much greater work could have been done. But we dare not place all censure upon our Mission Boards. They can support our missions only when they have something with which to support them. This

"something" must come from the churches and the kindred organizations of the church. These must be brought into activity in the work of missions. To do this is the purpose of our Missionary Reading Circle; to raise up for missions, "sentiment through reading, workers through meetings and funds through contributions."

Were we ready to enter mission work when we made an attempt to enter? Are we ready today? Many are making answer, "We were not ready." We can not think so. The conference at Warsaw two years ago demonstrated to us all that we were ready so far as resources and workers are concerned. Why then, you ask, has our work been brought to its present discouraging condition? We lacked methods—a definite missionary policy. Method is the hinge of business. Our work begun in a too haphazard manner. We sent workers into the field without defining their work—prescribing the limits to which they might go, and then censured our workers because the work done was *extensive* rather than *intensive*.

But this should not cool our ardor, lessen our zeal in the work of missions. "Let the dead past bury its dead." We are ready to go forward. Let us go.

Inasmuch as provision has been made for the work in our several districts of the church, and our national work is practically without any known support whatever, I feel, that the societies should concentrate their energies and center their contributions upon the work of missions at large. Will not each society in the brotherhood hold a special service on Nov. 20, and ask each member for a special contribution to be applied to our National Mission work. Let us give the Lord our thanks in substance as well as in voice. Brother Cassel has given us a hint of the condition and outlook of our National Mission work. Let us come to the rescue at once. I believe that the young people of the Brethren church ought, and are able to support a mission either in Chicago or in some other city. Those that hold these special services can send all contributions either to me or brother J. C. Cassel, Philadelphia, Penn. The number of societies reporting and the amount will be published in this department of the EVANGELIST.

This condition of the Board gives to us as young people, an opportunity not hitherto given us, to prove our usefulness and power in the support and extension of the Brethren church. May God help us to see and seize the opportunity.

Topic Cards

We have already mailed about two thousand topic cards. We have yet three thousand on hand. Will not the society help us dispose of them? The profits from these cards is our only source of income and already our work has been hindered because of a lack of money. Now help us out.

Membership Cards, etc.

Already some inquiry has been made concerning Membership and other cards that

are indispensable to society work. We have no such cards and are somewhat timid about incurring the expense to have such printed. We need a complete literature and hope to have it. But we can not see our way clear to have it at once. For the present such aids must be sought for outside our own society.

Mission Barrels

Every member or at least every home in the Brethren Church should have somewhere about it, within sight and easy access, a mission barrel. Every student ought to have one in his study. Every young lady one in her own room. This barrel will keep the subject of missions before us. The National Board has a large supply of these barrels and can supply for two cents apiece. A society can make a very interesting and helpful service by appointing a special evening for opening these barrels. Just try it. Write to brother J. O. Talley or David Augustine for barrels.

W. D. FURRY.

The Christian Life

Satisfied

I cannot say,
Beneath the presence of life's cares today,
I joy in these;
But I can say
That I would rather walk the rugged way
If Him it please.

I cannot feel
That all is well when darkening clouds conceal
The shining sun;
But then I know
God lives and loves—can say, since it is so,
"Thy will be done."

I do not see
Why God should e'er permit some things to be
When he is love;
But I can see,
Tho often dimmed thro' mystery,
His hand above.

I cannot speak
In happy tones—the teardrops on my cheek
Show I am sad;
But I can speak
Of grace to suffer with submission meek
Until made glad.

I do not look
Upon the present, nor in nature's book,
To read my fate;
But I do look
For promised blessings in God's holy book,
And I can wait.

I may not try
To keep the hot tears back, but hush the sigh,
It might have been;
And try to still
All rising murmurs, and to God's sweet will
Respond, "Amen!"

—New York Tribune.

The Duty of Giving Comfort

Dr. J. R. Miller.

It is the mission of Christian people to be comforters of others in their sorrow. Yet too many Christians who go to their friends in the time of bereavement are anything but comforters. They go with a certain kind of sympathy; but it is a weak, almost hopeless sympathy. They sit down by the sorrowing